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Chairman: Mr. VOYAME

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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

1. The CHAIRMAN declared the session open and welcomed the members of the Committee and the representatives of the Secretariat.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (item 1 of the provisional agenda) (CAT/C/22)

2. The provisional agenda (CAT/C/22) was adopted.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS (agenda item 2)

3. The CHAIRMAN recalled that under agenda item 10, the Committee should adopt the annual report on its activities by the end of the present session. Furthermore, with regard to agenda item 4, the Government of Belize would like its initial report to be considered at the 11th session and had undertaken to provide additional information at that time.

4. Under agenda item 9, Mr. Sorensen would report on the work of the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on Human Rights. The Committee would also have to decide who would attend the World Conference as its representative.

5. At the most recent session, members had decided to discuss the Committee's methods of work. The Secretariat had submitted a report (CAT/C/Misc.3) which, depending on how much time was available, would be considered either at the present or at the next session of the Committee.

6. It was gratifying to announce that Ms. Díaz Palacios, a former member of the Committee and now Secretary of State for Civil Protection and Social Rehabilitation in Mexico had invited her former colleagues to pay a visit to Mexico.

7. In addition, he had drawn the attention of the Government of France to a matter concerning one particular aspect of the implementation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Details would be provided later on in the session.

8. Under agenda item 3, Mr. Bruni, Secretary of the Committee, would report on the status of the submission of reports due from States parties and the Committee would have to decide on what measures to take in connection with States parties with reports outstanding.

9. Mr. Lorenzo, who had initially been appointed alternate rapporteur for Sweden, was unable to accept the post. He would be replaced by Mr. Burns.

10. Lastly, under agenda item 7 the Committee would have to decide on the calendar of meetings for 1994 and 1995.

11. Mr. EL IBRASHI pointed out that he had represented the Committee at the regional meeting for Asia held in Bangkok in the framework of preparatory activities for the World Conference on Human Rights.

12. The CHAIRMAN proposed that Mr. El Ibrashi should present his report on the Bangkok meeting on the following day.

13. It was so agreed.

The public meeting rose at 11.00 a.m.